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SUBJ: KAYIBANDA STATEMENT ON RECENT TROUBLES

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1. SUMMARY. RADIO MARCH 23 BROADCAST STATEMENT AND LETTER BY PRESIDENT KAYIBANDA CONDEMNING VIOLENCE AND WARNING THAT RECOURSE TO IT WILL BE PUNISHED. LETTER SAYS "SOCIO-ETHNIC BALANCE" IN SCHOOLS IS NATIONAL WILL. END SUMMARY.

2. IN HIS FIRST PUBLIC PRONOUNCEMENT ON RWANDA'S RECENT TROUBLES, PRESIDENT KAYIBANDA ISSUED STATEMENT READ ON RADIO MARCH 23. AFTER THANKING AUTHORITIES FOR PACIFICATION EFFORTS, STATEMENT INSISTS 1959 REVOLUTION MUST BE CARRIED OUT PEACEFULLY AND IN RECOGNITION OF THREE ETHNIC GROUPS PLUS FOREIGNERS. INDISCIPLINE, INTRIGUES AND VIOLENCE CONDEMNED BY PRESIDENT,  
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GOVERNMENT AND VARMEHUTU PARTY. ETHNIC GROUPS MUST CONSIDER SELVES PART OF NATION RATHER THAN REGIONAL, RELIGIOUS, ETC. THOSE HARMING OTHERS WILL BE PUNISHED.

3. EMPHASIZING NEED FOR DISCIPLINE, STATEMENT SAYS DISLOYAL ACTS WILL BE PUNISHED AND ANY FOREIGN TECHNICIAN WHO NOT CONTENT CAN " GET AIRPLANE TICKET AND LEAVE COUNTRY WHENEVER HE WANTS ".

4. STATEMENT SAYS REGIONALISM IS OUT OF DATE BECAUSE COUNTRY IS A NATION. TALK OF COUP D' ETAT IS DISMISSED AS NOT DISTURBING GOR. STATEMENT NEVERTHELESS WARNS THOSE IN POSITIONS OF AUTHORITY MUST SATISFY NEEDS OF PEOPLE AND PEACE WILL NOT BE RESTORED UNTIL POPULATION LIVES BETTER.

5. ON PROBLEM OF STUDENT AGITATION, STATEMENT PUTS SCHOOL DIRECTORS ON NOTICE THAT CONCEPT OF NON- STATE SCHOOLS OUT OF DATE. DIRECTORS SHOULD TRY TO BETTER UNDERSTAND STUDENT S' PROBLEMS. WHILE GOVERNMENT NOT OPPOSED TO STUDENT DISSENT (" CONTESTATION"), THIS MUST BE EXPRESSED LEGALLY. STUDENTS LEAVING SCHOOL GROUNDS WITHOUT PERMISSION WILL BE EXPELLED; THOSE CAUSING VIOLENCE WILL BE PUNISHED. IN PARTICULAR, THOSE PREACHING REGION- NIHI- LISM WILL BE EXPELLED.

6. STATEMENT FOLLOWED BY READING OF LETTER KAYIBANDA WROTE FEBRUARY 21 TO A SCHMOL DIRECTOR WHO HAD INQUIRED ABOUT GOR'S ETHNIC POLICY. LETTER REPUDIATES " PURGING OF AN ETHNIC GROUP" FROM SCHOOLS, AND EMPHASIZES COEXISTENCE, COLLABORATION AND FRATERNITY AMONG HUTU, TUTSI AND TWA. KAYIBANDA NEVERTHELESS CLAIMS " CERTAIN EUROPEAN AND TUTSI TEACHERS" WERE BEHIND " SUBVERSIVE MOVEMENT". " NATIONAL WILL" IS FOR " SOCIO- ETHNIC BALANCE" IN SCHOOLS.

7. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH ISSUED AFTER VIOLENCE SUBSIDED, KAYIBANDA STATEMENTS MAY SERVE USEFUL PURPOSE OF WARNING THAT FUTURE VIOLENCE AND DIS- LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ORDERS WILL BE PUNISHED. GOR APPEARS DETERMINED

THAT ETHNIC RATIOS OF POPULATION (89 PERCENT HUTU,  
10 PERCENT TUTSI, ONE PERCENT TWA) MUST BE  
REFLECTED IN SCHOOLS.  
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